

# **EMT-I REGULATORY TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES**

**July 26, 2000**

**Ontario International Airport**

## **I. Introductions**

Self-introductions were made.

### **Members in attendance:**

From the EMS Authority:

Maureen McNeil

Sean Trask

Richard Watson

Elaine Dethlefsen, RN, Ca Council of EMS Educators

Donna Ferracone, RN, Public Member

Bruce Haynes, MD, EMDAC

Gloria Huerta, RN, SoCa Fire Chiefs

Pat Kramm, RN, Commission on EMS Educational Tech Group

Tom McGinnis, CAA

Debra Meier, NoCa Fire Chiefs

John Pritting, EMSAC

Susan Smith, RN, ENA

Kevin White, EMT-P, CPF

Todd Wilhoyte, EMT-I, Service Employees

### **Alternates in attendance:**

Mike Denton, Nor-Cal Fire Chiefs

Bruce Kenagy, CA Assn of Health Maintenance Organizations

Karen Patrilla, CA Council of EMS Educators

### **Members absent**

Nancy Casazza, RN, CAN

Steve Maiero, EMT-P, CSFA/Commission

David Magnino, Sgt, CHP

Sally McGregor, CDF/State Fire Marshall

David Nevins, CAA

Debbie Notturmo, alt, So Cal Fire Chiefs

Marco Randazzo, MD, Cal/ACEP  
Bob Repar, Lt, CA Peace Officers Assn.  
John Tysell, MD, CA Assn. HMO's  
Veronica Shepardson, alt, CPPD  
Aaron York, alt CHP

## **II. Agenda**

Agenda was approved as written

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the May 25, 2000 meeting were reviewed and approved after the following changes were made:

- A. Item IV A. last paragraph: Change 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence to reflect that there was an improvement in the delivery of care by up to 45 minutes.
- B. Page 4, Item 8 a & b were moved to the last section of the page under, "The following conclusions were agreed..."
- C. Pg 4, #2, change to : Considering adoption of state-wide Optional Scope training following the program proposed by Imperial County.
- D. Pg 5, Item 3 in sub-committee assignments, add Debbie Meier to the committee that compares the responsibilities of the State EMSA with the local EMS agencies.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **A. Committee Report – Comparison of State Regulations and the DOT Curriculum:**

- 1. The DOT curriculum is mostly skill and assessment based with some change in terms (especially pertinent to patient assessment). There is very little emphasis on pathophysiology.
- 2. Several members of the Task Force were uncomfortable with the lack of pathophysiology in the DOT curriculum.
- 3. A detailed comparison table was distributed.
- 4. It was suggested that the curriculum not be detailed in Title 22.
- 5. All members agreed that a statewide standardized curriculum, terminology and testing is important.
- 6. The suggestion was made to adopt the DOT curriculum as a foundation and added enhancements to it.
- 7. The National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) builds their exam on the DOT curriculum.
- 8. Sean will ask the NREMT about the following items and bring back to the next Task Force Meeting:
  - a. Customer service to the agencies and the students;

- b. Fees;
- c. What are the enhancements beyond the DOT curriculum that will prepare the students for the exam;
- d. Obtain a list of learning objectives that the NREMT exam is built on;
- e. See if the NREMT has a job description for EMT-Is.

**B. Committee Report – Licensure Issues:**

- 1. Terminology changes that need to go through statute:
  - a. EMT-I to EMT-B (Basic)
  - b. Certification to Licensure
  - c. EMT-II to EMT-I (Intermediate)
- 2. The committee's recommendations were included with the July Meeting/Agenda packet
- 3. The following topics were discussed and suggested:
  - a. Consider eliminating written testing for recertification (renewal of license), but have skills testing, possibly scenario based.
  - b. Need to add a Recertification (licensure) section.
  - c. Optional skills need to be standardized.
  - d. Consider background check in either statute or regulations.
  - e. Consider cert/license for EMT's through State EMS Authority.
  - f. Look at medic disciplinary orders for EMTs.
  - g. The committee will meet and bring back suggestions for the items stated above.

**C. Committee Report - Comparison of State and Local Responsibilities**

- (i) Because some members were absent, this item tabled to next meeting

**D. Scope of Practice**

- 1. The Task Force is considering adopting the Imperial County EMS Agency optional skills and the Northern California EMS Agency IV optional skill as state wide optional scope that each county can add all, part or none.
- 2. Need to look at addition of Interfacility Scope of Practice.
- 3. What are EMT-II's doing in this state, how many are there and where are they? The Authority will bring back this info to the next meeting
- 4. What are all EMT optional scopes in the state, is there anything that needs to be added to a possible Optional Scope for EMT's.

**E. Exam Administration**

- 1. The Task Force members all agreed that statewide testing standardization was needed and that this is one of our goals. We want all EMT cert/license exams to be the same so that students do not "test hop" from local EMS agency to local EMS agency to find the easiest exam.

2. We need more information from National Registry before we can make final decision on the curriculum and use of National Registry as state exam.

**V. New Business**

**A. EMT Training Approval**

1. There are many inconsistencies involved with EMT-I training program approval throughout California. There was discussion as to whether an EMT-I training program should obtain accreditation from some accrediting body to receive and maintain approval.
2. A sub-committee was formed to study this issue and report back to the next Task Force Meeting. Members are Debi Moffat, Elaine Dethlefsen, Donna Farracone and Kevin White.

**B. Regulation Language Clarification:**

1. One goal of this revision to the EMT-I regulations is to clarify each section of the regulations; to make the regulations easy to understand.

**C. EMT AED Service Provider Approval:**

This item was tabled.

**D. Additional Items:**

There were no additional items.

**V. Discussion:**

**A. Review of Action Items / Development of Work Plans:**

Action items were reviewed.

**IV. Dates for next meeting:**

Next meeting was set for September 20, 2000, at the Naval Training Center in San Diego. Final plans will be distributed by EMSA representatives. The time will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.